REMARKS

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- Claims 1-7 are drawn to a machine purchasing system, classified in class 705, subclass
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- II. Claims 8-12 are drawn to a machine purchasing method, classified in class 705, subclass26.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicant hereby elects Invention II comprising claims 8-12. Accordingly, the Invention I comprising claims 1-7 has been withdrawn without prejudice. Applicant requests consideration and allowance of claims 8-12.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the foregoing Amendment and Response place this application in condition for allowance. If Examiner believes that there are any issues that can be resolved by a telephone conference, or that there are any informalities that can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, please call the undersigned at 714.626.1224.

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